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Randy Horrocks drives an off-road vehicle in Little Deer Creek Canyon, now in danger of being closed to the public.

# Noise prompts request to close canyon

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Wild parties and loud off-road vehicles up Provo Canyon have led some fed-up neighbors to clamor for the closure of a popular dirt road.

The multiple stream crossings the road makes across Little Deer Creek and challenging obstacles make the road popular with off-road motor vehicle enthusiasts and mountain bicyclists.

At the top termination of the dirt road is Cascade Springs, a state park and popular tourist spot. At the bottom, the road ends at the junction of Provo Canyon Road (U.S. 189) near the Deer Creek Dam in Wasatch County.

But some residents who live in three homes near the bottom want Utah Department of Transportation employees to block off the road — especially near the

highway.

John and Jeanie Offret live in one of the three houses near Deer Creek Dam.

"There are loud and wild parties at the park near our homes," said Mrs. Offret.

She was speaking of a small unimproved park, just north of the Heber Creeper Railroad tracks. It's located close to the three homes.

Offret said she and other residents are concerned with the loud noise from partygoers, motorcycles and people shooting handguns and rifles. She has small children and said parties are particularly annoying. They often last all night.

Many who use the Little Deer Creek road also litter the area, she said.

The residents have been quietly urging authorities to close the

road without fanfare.

Dan Nelson, director of District 6 of the Utah Department of Transportation, said he was contacted by Mrs. Offret and sympathetic to her concerns. His district oversees U.S. 189.

But he said so far he has not decided whether to close the dirt road at its junction with U.S. 189.

Nelson said he told the residents to get letters from the property owners in the Little Deer Creek area — having them ask him to close the road.

Nelson said it wouldn't take a public hearing if the road were a private road and that he could close it if he felt that's what those who owned the property wanted.

Mrs. Offret said Friday that those who owned the three houses did not own the land along Little Deer Creek, but were trying to identify the owners.

One of the major owners is the Provo River Water Users Association.

Jack Gardner, director of the association, said it does own land in the Little Deer Creek area between Cascade Springs and U.S. 189. He also said there are others who own land there.

The association's land is leased to sheep ranchers who graze sheep there.

So far none of the the residents of the three homes have contacted Gardner about permission to close the road, but he said he is willing to grant permission. One of his employees lives in the neighborhood.

Al Clayborn, superintendent of Deer Creek State Park, said the state owns the small park near the three homes. But he said no improvements have been made in (See CANYON, Page A2)



to address the group at its... headquarters. A date has... been fixed.

The official Soviet news agency... said that at a meeting between Woerner and Soviet Foreign... minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze, the sides had agreed that the... NATO chief's visit "was a symbol... that the Cold War has ended, and Europe is entering a new peri-

Shevardnadze later met Kohl at a... airport, Tass said. Kohl... will hold talks with Gorbachev on... Monday in Stavropol, the Soviet... leader's home region.

agreed on a new strategy and... proposed a non-aggression declara-... tion to the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact.

"There is a clear coincidence in... the approach set out by the alliance... in London and the views of the... Soviet leadership," Woerner said.

"The hand of friendship has been... extended on both sides, and there is... agreement on building a new rela-... tionship."

Woerner said he told Gorbachev... and Shevardnadze that NATO... sought cooperation with the Soviet... Union and that "our alliance does... not look upon you as an adversary... but as a future partner."

to a sense of insecurity in Bulgaria... the only East European country... where the ruling Communists won... democratic elections.

Threats of escalating strikes... forced the resignation July 7 of... President Petar Mladenov, a re-... form Communist, and protests con-... tinue by activists seeking a full... reckoning with the past.

Concern that a government ham-... strung by protest would not be able... to deal with pressing economic... problems added to the pessimism in... Bulgaria.

It has had to suspend payments... of all but interest on the \$10 billion... debt. An estimated 60 percent of... industry is unprofitable and unem-... ployment is growing.

Nowhere does the connection be-

waiana said: "We were not... pared for ... the work that you... come after the abolition of corn... nism."

Even Czechoslovaks, left with... relatively healthy economy, ... having trouble with economic... justments. Food prices were... creased 25 percent on July 11.

Rents and energy costs... scheduled to rise in the fall, ... lowed by total price decontrol... accelerated conversion to pri-... enterprise early next year.

"I don't know what I'll... things go on like this," said... sioner Libuse Klementova.

East Germans are assured... relatively quick prosperity thro-... union with West Germany, but... bracing for short-term turmoil.

## Scaffolding erected to hasten freeway opening

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Workers... erected metal scaffolding Saturday... shore up a subway tunnel that... rtially caved in during a 1,500-... gree fire and was threatening the... llapse of a stretch of downtown... eeway.

The 1½-mile stretch of the Holly-... ood Freeway was closed for a... cond day because of fears it... ould collapse under the vibrations... cars and trucks.

A 100-foot section of a Metro Rail... ed Line subway tunnel adjacent to... e freeway collapsed Friday when... e raced through construction ma-... rials inside it.

The subway line is part of a 150-... le rail grid planned for Los... eges. Mayor Tom Bradley on... turday inaugurated the first... etch of the system, a 22-mile... etric commuter train line be-

teen downtown Los Angeles and... Long Beach.

The tunnel blaze broke out short-... ly before 2 a.m. Friday and por-... tions still smoldered Saturday af-... ternoon.

The cause remained unknown, but... deputy Fire Chief Ray Rojo said... there were no indications of arson.

Six workers in a nearby tunnel... smelled smoke when the fire broke... out and escaped unharmed. Dam-... age was put at \$5 million.

About 250 feet of the tunnel runs... under the freeway, which is part of... U.S. Highway 101. The portion un-... der the freeway is surrounded by... an 8-foot-thick band of chemically... treated concrete or grout; the... failed portion was not. Officials... said that made all the difference:... the cave-in stopped just 10 feet... from the freeway.

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goals rather than the country's day-... to-day affairs.

Before Gorbachev's reforms be-... gan, any high government position... was secondary to the official's... standing in the Communist Party.

Until Saturday, it was understood... that combination with a high party... position was an indication of a... government official's power.

"The new composition of the Polit-... bureau underscores that the party... fully breaks with the former prac-... tice when it was organically built... into the command and administra-... tive system, and was on the top of... the hierarchy," said Ivan Frolov, the... editor of the party newspaper Pravda and a new Politburo mem-... ber.

Ryzhkov, Kryuchkov and Yazov... remain members of the 412-member... Central Committee. Shevardnadze, however, does not.

multiparty system.

Frolov said that in addition to... heads of party organizations in... Soviet republics, himself, Gorb-... ev and Ivashko, the new Politburo... will include:

—Alexander S. Dzasokhov, former... ambassador to Syria and currently... chairman of the Supreme Soviet... parliament's International Affairs... Commission. He will be responsi-... ble for party ideology.

—Yuri Prokofiev, the Moscow... Communist Party chief, a job in the... past has entitled the holder to... Politburo status. Prokofiev is... known as a moderate reformer.

—Galina Semyonova, editor-in-... chief of "Peasant Woman" maga-... zine. She will be responsible for... women's issues.

—Gennady Yanayev, who became... head of the Central Council of... Trade Unions this year after... unrest began spreading through... country. He will be responsible for... international affairs.

—Oleg Shenin, the party leader... of the vast Krasnoyarsk region of... Siberia. His will handle organiza-... tional issues.

—Igor Stroyev, elevated last year... to the party's secretariat by Gorb-... achev. He will be responsible for... farm issues.

Boris Gidasov, the Leningrad... party chief whom reformers ac-... cused of being a hard-liner trying... to undermine Gorbachev, was elected... a national party secretary.

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several years.

Clayborn, who said he has heard... residents' complaints, is undecided... on the issue, which surfaces nearly... every year.

"I doubt that it (closure) will... ever happen," he said."

Dan Wynkoop, who owns Moun-... tain West Off-Road, a company that... sells accessories for 4-wheel-drive... vehicles, said the Little Deer Creek... road is a popular spot for off-road... enthusiasts and when customers... have asked where they can go, he... has recommended Little Deer... Creek.

Wynkoop is also a mountain bi-... cyclist and Little Deer Creek is one... of his favorite bike trails.

"I have a problems with any... public land closure. Before long... there's nowhere to go," he said.

He added that he realizes in all... groups there are those who cause... problems, but he said most people... respect the land.

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and Catholic Relief Services, have... begun distributing rice to residents... who have been eating roots and... leaves because of food shortages.

The rice had been stored since... June in warehouses where it was... deposited by the United Nations.

U.N. staff members were pulled out... of Liberia after refugees housed in... their compound were attacked by... some of Doe's troops.

U.N. spokesman Francois Giuli-... ani said about eight masked sol-... diers killed a guard and abducted... about 30 people.

One of the U.N. warehouses was... looted by Doe's soldiers, but a... second was opened to the relief... agencies. They distributed its con-... tents to the needy while the govern-... ment provided protection.

Checkpoints, created throughout... the city as the government defens-... ive position has deteriorated, were... more relaxed on Saturday. Soldiers

Shevardnadze and Gorbachev ad-... viser Alexander N. Yakovlev, a... member of Gorbachev's Presiden-... tial Council, said during the con-... gress that they did not see the need... to remain on the Politburo. Gorb-... achev's traditionalist rival, Yegor... K. Ligachev, was trounced by... Ivashko in his bid for the party's... No. 2 job and announced he was... going home to Siberia to write a... book.

The leader of the radical reform... wing, Boris N. Yeltsin, quit the... party on the day before the con-... gress ended, and some of the coun-... try's most prominent reformers... quickly joined him.

Gorbachev expressed "contempt"... for those who quit the party, but... acknowledged that the Communists... were facing the beginning of a

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